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Major Shaw Farm House  
Rawlings

1850

The Shaw Farm House is a transistional Greek Revival - Italianate house. The structure is quite large and consists of a two and a half story, five bay wide rectangular block and a two story wing on the western side. The entire building including the foundation is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. Although the original roof was gabled, this has been removed and a shed roof and an upper story consisting of a row of eyebrow windows have been added. The windows which are topped by either flat structural arches or gothic style arches are six over six lights. The rear porch is covered by a shed roof supported by ionic columns.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Major Shaw Brick Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

Collins' Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Off Rt. 220 South, .3 mile South of Rawlings

CITY, TOWN

Rawlings

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Wilbur Collins

Telephone #: 729-3532

STREET &amp; NUMBER

P.O. General Delivery

CITY, TOWN

Rawlings

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21557

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 454

Folio #: 85

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shaw old farm house is located off Route 220 South near Rawlings, Allegany County on the east side of the road, three tenths of a mile past Rawlings Post Office.

The old farm house consists of a two and one half story, five bay wide rectangular shaped main facade. A two story, four bay wide rectangular wing abuts the main block on the southern side, and another small two story wing abuts the main block on the western side. The building is a brick structure laid in American common bond construction and is supported by a brick foundation with no apparent water table. The roof of the structure is a slightly pitched shed covering including rafter ends and houndstooth trim frieze. The residence originally exhibited a gabled roof, however the gables have since been removed and the upper one half story added to the main facade. Windows in the building include double hung wooden sash frames with six-over-six lights, jack arch, and shutters on all windows excepting where they have deteriorated. On several of the second story windows a gothic styled arch is moulded into the structure and below the second story window is also found a brick belt course around the entire facade. The main entrance to the building originally was on the front eastern face and covered with a porch, however the door has been barred and the porch has since been torn down. The rear doors are now the main entrances to the house. The entrance on the side wing features the original, plain verticle paneled door and is covered by a partially enclosed end porch with three semi-circular arched bays. The rear entrance to the main facade is no longer used, however it features the original door and hardware and is covered with an end porch with shed roof supported by Ionic capital columns. Four corbeled brick chimneys, which appear to be original are found within the structure; three on the flush ends of the house and the remaining chimney located to the interior of the wing.

The house is in deteriorated condition and is in need of repair very soon, lest this historic site be lost.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

For significance statement and further explanation refer to Mrs. Helen Hinkle's Inventory Form to the National Register.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 968.4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

7/6/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-013

Liber - 454

Folio - 85

DATE: 6/16/76

968.4 acres

RECORDING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Old Shaw Farm HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: .3 Mile South of Rawlings Along Rt 220 SouthDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: ~~West~~ EastNAME OF OWNER: Wilbur Collins 729-3532ADDRESS: P.O. Box  
Rawlings, Maryland 21557

2 1/2 STORIES: 1( ) 2(✓) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) 8(✓) 9

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Side WingDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(✓) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILLASTERS, OTHERS Brick BeltFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVISED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(✓) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) Brick  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment (✓)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: West East  
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(✓) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Hand  
Architrave toothROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original(✓) replaced( )PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( ) Columns - Greek DoricCHIMNEYS: NUMBER 4 BRICK(✓) STONE( ) CORBELLED(✓) original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end(✓) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior (✓)ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence  
Significance - Arch  
Date Constructed - Mid 19th Century  
Condition - Deteriorated

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?  
Rooms on one side only? How many?  
Is stair in through hall?  
Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing  
How many? Curved.  
If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition  
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

6. How paneled or board (if any) on any window (marked paneled)



# TRIBUTION

● = SITE LOCATION

## ROAD CLASSIFICATION

HARD SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS      OR WEATHER ROADS  
 Heavy duty      Improved dirt  
 Medium duty      Unimproved dirt  
 Loose surface graded or narrow hard surface  
 □ U.S. Route      ○ State Route

LONACONING, MD. W. VA.  
 SW 4 FROSTBURG 10 QUADRANGLE  
 N3930-W7852 5/75

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Rt. 220 South

.3 Miles S. of Rawlings

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South



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Southeast